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## **Tree Care Professionals and Municipal Officials Invited to Attend “Threats to Forest Health” Workshop on March 13<sup>th</sup>**

(Dover, DE) - Arborists, tree care professionals and municipal officials throughout the region are invited to attend “Threats to Forest Health,” a workshop to be held on March 13, 2008 from 9:15 am to 12:00 pm at the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA), 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware 19901. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

Agriculture officials from both Delaware and Maryland will present information on the current status of insects and diseases that pose a risk to trees in the Delmarva region, particularly: emerald ash borer, pine shoot beetle, sirex wood wasp, and bacterial leaf scorch.

Delaware’s Urban and Community Forestry Director Henry Poole believes that cities, towns, and tree care professionals can all benefit from receiving the latest information on looming threats to tree health.

“A big part of our urban forest is comprised of ash trees. Emerald ash borer could be a major issue in the next few years if it gets more widely-established in the region. We need to plan now to address this threat before it becomes an even bigger problem,” Poole said.

\$10 per person checks should be made payable to the Delaware Forest Service  
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Attendees can download a registration form and flyer at [www.delawareforest.com](http://www.delawareforest.com)

### **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

- 9:15 am    Registration
- 9:30 am    Emerald Ash Borer - Glenn “Dode” Gladders, DDA Forest Service
- 10:00 am    EAB in Maryland - Dick Bean, Maryland Department of Agriculture
- 10:45 am    Break
- 10:55 am    Pine Shoot Beetle/ Sirex Wood Wasp - Randy Ciurlino and Jimmy Kroon - DDA Plant Industries
- 11:30 am    Bacterial Leaf Scorch- Glenn “Dode” Gladders, DDA Forest Service
- 12:00 pm    Lunch